

FRANK D WHITWORTH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1718 NAVY nominations (31) beginning THOMAS W ARMSTRONG, and ending RICHARD A THIEL JR, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1719 NAVY nominations (12) beginning JOSEPH R BRENNER JR, and ending GREG A ULSES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1720 NAVY nominations (37) beginning TODD S BOCKWOLDT, and ending FORREST YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1721 NAVY nominations (36) beginning STEVEN W ANTLCLIFF, and ending MARK W YATES, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 8, 2004.

PN1722 NAVY nomination of Richard L. Curbello, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1729 NAVY nominations (2) beginning LOUISE E. GIORDANO, and ending ROBERT A. LITTLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1730 NAVY nominations (6) beginning JAMES O. CRAVENS, and ending RONALD J. WELLS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1731 NAVY nominations (10) beginning STEPHEN W BAILEY, and ending GARY F WOERZ, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1732 NAVY nominations (12) beginning JOSEPH J ALBANESE, and ending STEVEN L YOUNG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1733 NAVY nominations (12) beginning BENJAMIN M ABALOS, and ending GLENN T WARE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1734 NAVY nominations (19) beginning PATRICK S AGNEW, and ending DOUGLAS R TOOTHMAN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN135 NAVY nominations (19) beginning MARK J BELTON, and ending ROBERT E TOLIN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1736 NAVY nominations (24) beginning CIVITA M ALLARD, and ending ANN N TESCHER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1737 NAVY nominations (25) beginning RICHARD D BAERTLEIN, and ending JEFFREY G WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

PN1738 NAVY nomination of Carlos Varona, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 14, 2004.

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES— H.R. 4200

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 4200: Senators WARNER, MCCAIN, INHOFE, ROBERTS, ALLARD, SESSIONS, COLLINS, ENSIGN, TALENT, CHAMBLISS, GRAHAM of South Carolina, DOLE, CORNYN, LEVIN, KENNEDY, BYRD, LIEBERMAN, REED, AKAKA, NELSON of Florida, NELSON of Nebraska, DAYTON, BAYH, CLINTON, and PRYOR.

CONGRATULATING CHAIRMAN STEVENS AND SENATOR INOUE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I again congratulate Chairman STEVENS and Senator INOUE on completing the first appropriations bill of the year. The record will show, I am sure, the time spent on this bill was one of the fast-

est, if not the fastest ever, that a Defense Appropriations Committee bill has been considered in the U.S. Senate.

We have to understand that it was only on Tuesday morning of this week that the Subcommittee on Defense reported the bill, and the full committee reported it out that afternoon. Here we are on Thursday night having completed this very important, critical bill.

I am sure this marathon would not have been possible without the excellent cooperation of many Senators and the terrific work of the Defense appropriations staff, under the leadership of Sid Ashworth for the majority and Charlie Houy for the minority.

I am also particularly happy that conferees on this important bill have been appointed and that hopefully shortly after the recess that conference can also be completed in record time so critical funds can be made available to our service men and women around the globe, fighting and standing guard to protect our freedoms and securities.

Also, I thank the chairman and Senator INOUE for including today critical funding for humanitarian assistance in the Sudan. We simply can not stand by idly as half a million people are uprooted and forced to flee the Darfur region while also suffering unbelievable starvation, hunger, and murder from Sudan, government-backed Arab militias.

The funding we have provided today will go to USAID to assist these refugees but of course a political solution needs to found also for this part of our world.

Again, I thank Chairman STEVENS and Senator INOUE for their hard work today.